

# Troop 777

## Scout Code of Conduct



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# Order, Discipline, and Rules of Conduct

A safe and successful Scout program depends on our Scouts conducting themselves with the Scout Law and Oath in mind.

To outline some of the major points:

- We are guests of our charter organization, The Promise Church; all church property should be treated with respect. Scouts should only be in the Scout classroom unless authorized by a Scout leader.
- When the Scout Sign is up – everyone is expected to be silent.
- Dangerous roughhousing is not allowed i.e. tackling, tripping or careless ball throwing (broken windows are the responsibility of the thrower).

If a Scout violates these rules, he will be disciplined by the adult leadership in an appropriate manner. If a Scout continues to have a problem following Troop guidelines, a parent will be called to come and pick him up from the meeting. A parent/leader meeting will be arranged to discuss any further action to be taken.

On weekend outings it is even more important that Troop and Scout guidelines be followed.

- Scouts will properly use and care for Troop equipment.
- Scouts will respect the property of other Scouts and the camp we are visiting
- Scouts will treat other Scouts and visitors with respect.
- Scouts will follow the instructions of the adult leadership.

If any Scout has a problem adhering to these guidelines the Scoutmaster and his assistants may prohibit the Scout from attending any further weekend outings without parental accompaniment.

## *Inappropriate Behavior*

The goal of Troop 777 is to have a safe, fun program for all Scouts and their families. The adult leaders have the right to intervene in any situation that they deem unsafe. If a Scout is unwilling to abide by the adult leaders in charge, they may require a parent to come get the Scout.

The following rules apply to all activities:

- No illegal drugs or alcohol
- No weapons, including fixed blade knives, bows and arrows, BB or paintball guns, sling shots or fireworks
- Scouts are not allowed to bring guests unless approved by the Scoutmaster in advance of the function.
- No lighters
- No electronic devices such as music players, gaming systems, or cell phones.<sup>1</sup>
- The use of foul and mean spirited language is prohibited

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<sup>1</sup> As mentioned below, some of these devices maybe allowed during certain events. They may also be allowed during extended trips (typically travel time over 1 hour) but must remain in the vehicle of transport during the duration of the trip.

## ***Electronic Entertainment***

Troop 777 does **NOT** allow the use of individual electronic entertainment (gaming systems, **cell phones**, iPod's or other personal music devices, etc) at meetings, Scout-sponsored functions, or Scout outings. The adult leader **will** confiscate the item until the end of the event, at which point it will be returned to the Scout.

If a parent finds it absolutely necessary that their scout have a cell phone to call home on return home from a campout. The cell phone should be immediately checked in with the adult leader in charge. It will be kept for safe keeping and returned to the scout at the appropriate time.

At some events it will be necessary to use electronic devices such as two-way radios, radios used to check weather reports, or other devices used to ensure the safety of Scouts, parents, and leaders. These items must be approved by the leadership in charge at the event in which they will be used.

If for any reason the need arises for you to contact your boy during an event please contact the leader's cell phone who is in charge of the event and he/she will locate your scout and provide the scout with your message or arrange for him to return your call.

## ***Discipline Policy***

Our discipline policy is designed to be straight forward and as fair as possible to all Scouts. It is the intent to never need to use the Discipline Policy but to have it just in case a situation arises that it must be used. Every attempt will be made to work with a Scout and his family to avoid dismissal from the troop.

**All** offenses must be brought to the Scoutmaster immediately.

**All** offenses must be documented.

After 30 days of no offenses, 1 Misdemeanor level offense is expunged. Each 30 days following another Misdemeanor level offense will be expunged until the Scout is at even.

### **First Offense**

*Misdemeanor* (Violation of the Scout Oath or Law)

- Removed from the rest of the meeting or activity if deemed necessary by adult leaders attending the event
- If deemed necessary by the adult leaders attending the event the scout can be asked not to attend the next event unless accompanied by an adult. (activity, campout, or meeting)
- 30 Day wait period for scoutmaster conference (Scout Spirit)

### **Second Offense**

*Felony* (Two (2) Misdemeanors OR bodily harm/physical or emotional duress)

- Loss of leadership position
- Suggested Scoutmaster, Scout, and Parent meeting to discuss behavioral problems. Parents maybe asked to attend upcoming events with their scout to ensure another offense does not occur. (merit badges, rank advancement, meetings or campouts)
- 5 hrs of documented community service not counting towards advancement

## **Continued Offenses**

*Capital Offense* (Four (4) Misdemeanors or second (2) Felony)

- Scout goes before Executive Committee for review of removal from troop
  - Committee will consist of 3 or 5 committee members non of which shall be the parents of the Scout
  - The Scoutmaster will present documented discipline problems of the Scout and his/her recommendation to the assembled committee as to the severity and suggested punishment of the Scout.
  - The Scout will present a plan to correct the documented discipline problems
  - The parents will present any plans or suggestions.
  - The committee will then privately discuss and vote on the punishment of the Scout.
  - All proceedings must be documented and placed in the Scout's file.
- Minimum punishment
  - 1 month suspension from troop
    - No merit badge activity
    - No fundraising activity
    - No advancement
    - No meetings, campouts or other Scout activities.
  - 10 hours of documented community service not counting towards advancement
  - Loss of all leadership positions
  - 45 Day Wait Period for Board of Review or Scoutmaster Conference
- Maximum Punishment
  - Removal from Troop 777

A copy your Scout's discipline record is available from the Scoutmaster upon request.

## ***Discipline Procedure:***

When a violation of the Code of Conduct occurs the following shall happen.

1. The scout shall be pulled aside away from the rest of the group (praise in front of the group, discipline away from the group) by the leader who witnessed the violation plus one other adult. (Two Deep Leadership)
2. The scout will be advised as to the reason why he is being issued a violation.
3. The violation will be recorded in writing by the leader who is issuing the violation.
4. The scout will be given a copy of the discipline form used to record the violation at the conclusion of the event.
5. The violation will be reviewed with the Scout, Scouts parent, and Scoutmaster at the conclusion of the event.
6. The scout will write a detailed statement as to why the violation occurred and what can be done to avoid such a violation in the future.
7. The scout will sign the statement and violation form and return it to the next activity he wishes to participate in. If the form is not received, the scout's parents will be called to pick up the scout before the activity begins and the scout will not be allowed to return to any activity until the form, and statement is returned to the Scoutmaster.



# Code of Conduct Review and Contract Form

## Scout:

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand Troop 777's Code of Conduct. I understand my actions have consequences, good or bad and being a scout I agree to take responsibility for my own actions.

On my honor, I will do my best to live by the code of conduct set forth by Troop 777. I will also do my best to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent:

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ the parents of \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand Troop 777's Code of Conduct. I/we understand that My/Our scout has a responsibility to act respectfully and responsibly as a scout according the Scout Oath and Law. I/we will work with my/our Scout at home and at scout activities along side the leadership of Troop 777 to help him live within these guidelines.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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